

# 1. The International Lake Constance Region

The international Lake Constance region is composed of the territories of ten states or cantons in four nation states. It is an attractive place to live and work, boasting a rich natural and cultural landscape and featuring vibrant cross-border alliances.

### Lake Constance in figures\*

Max. length:	63 km
Max. width:	14 km
Shoreline:	273 km
Surface area:	536 km <sup>2</sup>
Max. depth:	251 m
Water volume:	48 km <sup>3</sup>
Altitude above sea level:	395 m

\*Source: www.igkb.de, as at June 2014



### Key data for the Lake Constance region

4 nation states: Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Principality of Liechtenstein

Surface area: 14,797 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 4.0 million (2015)

Highest point: 3,312 m, Piz Buin (Vorarlberg)

Lowest point: 332 m, Rhine near Weiach (canton of Zurich)

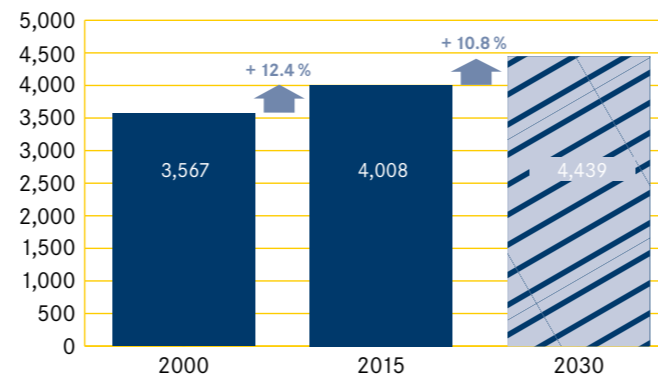
# 2. Population

Over the last 15 years, the population in the Lake Constance region has grown by a little over 12%. Of the region's 4 million inhabitants today, 62% are between 20 and 64 years of age, and 20% are younger than 20 years old. The most densely populated areas are Greater Zurich, around Lake Constance and in the Rhine valley.

### Population in the Lake Constance region<sup>1</sup>

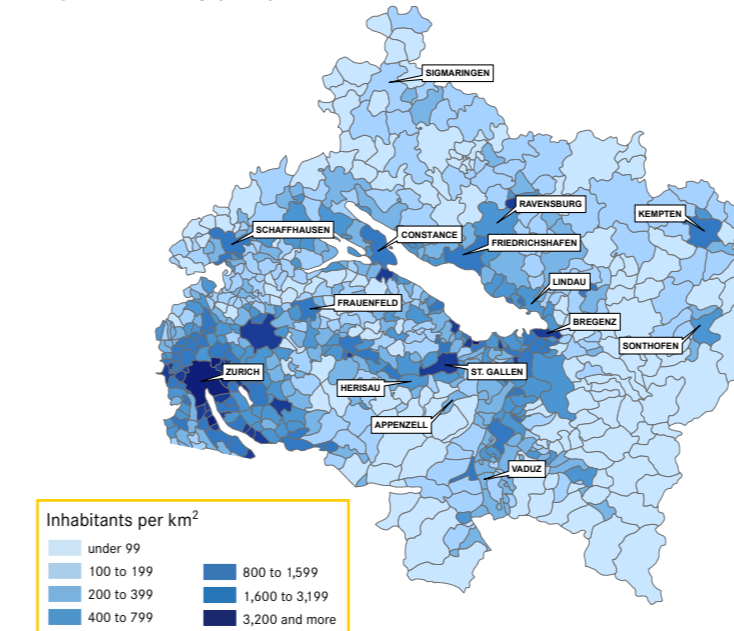
	Population 2015 (thousands)	Population 2030 (thousands)	Average annual change
German territory	1,203	1,236	+0.2 %
Swiss territory	2,383	2,748	+1.0 %
Liechtenstein	38	41	+0.6 %
Vorarlberg	385	414	+0.5 %
<b>Lake Constance region</b>	<b>4,008</b>	<b>4,439</b>	<b>+0.7 %</b>

### Development of the population structure in the Lake Constance region<sup>1</sup> (thousands)

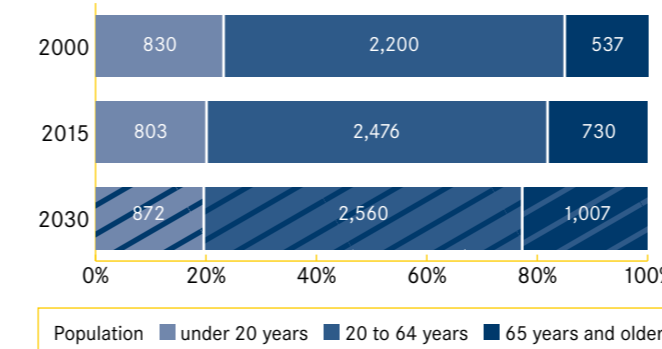


<sup>1</sup> Population forecasts by the statistics agencies show the development of the population in keeping with past demographic trends.

### Population density (2015)<sup>2</sup>



### Age structure in the Lake Constance region<sup>1</sup> (% and thousands)



<sup>2</sup> Population per km<sup>2</sup> of productive land (i.e. excluding bodies of water and without unproductive land such as sand or gravel)

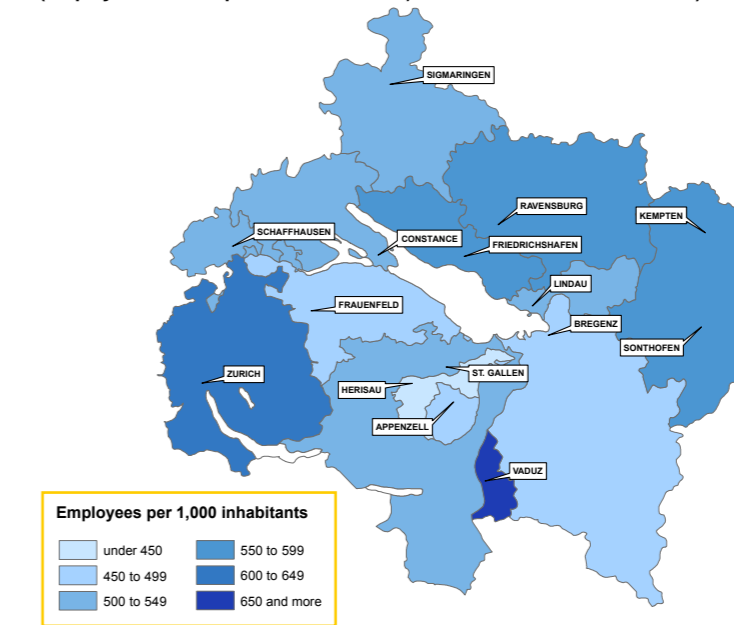
# 3. Economy

### Employees with their place of work in the Lake Constance region<sup>3</sup>

Year	No. of employees (thousands)	Average annual change
2000	1,930	-
2010	2,094	+0.8 %
2014	2,223	+1.5 %

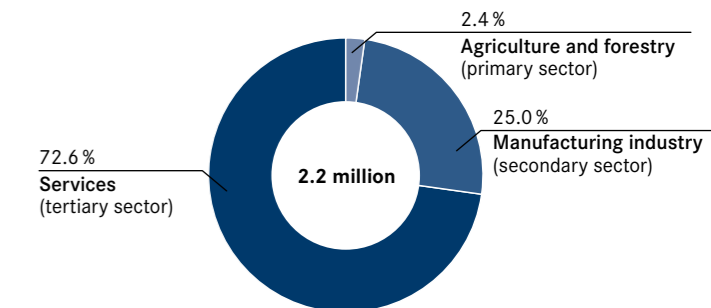
The employee concentration (employees per thousand inhabitants) varies strongly in the region. The highest concentrations can be found in Liechtenstein with 982 and in the canton of Zurich with 621 employees per thousand inhabitants.

### Employee concentration<sup>3</sup> (Employees at their place of work 2014 / thousand inhabitants in 2014)



<sup>3</sup> Including commuters. In the case of Vorarlberg, the 2000 figures refer to the number of employees at their place of residence, while the figures from 2010 and 2014 relate to employees at their place of work. As a result, the development of the Lake Constance region between 2010 and 2014 is slightly underestimated.

### Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2014)



Around 73% of employees working in the Lake Constance region are in the services industry (tertiary sector), while 25% work in the manufacturing industry (secondary sector). A little over 2% are employed in agriculture (primary sector). The largest individual industry is "Public and other services, education, healthcare" with 600,000 employees.

### Employees in the Lake Constance region by economic sector (2014)

Rank	Industry (sector)	Employees (thousands)	Percentage
1	Public and other services, education, healthcare (tertiary)	600	27.0 %
2	Retail, transport, hotels and restaurants, information and communication (tertiary)	583	26.2 %
3	Financial, insurance and consulting services, property and housing (tertiary)	431	19.4 %
4	Manufacturing industry (secondary)	392	17.6 %
5	Construction (secondary)	144	6.5 %
6	Agriculture and forestry, fishing (primary)	53	2.4 %
7	Mining, energy and water supply, waste disposal (secondary)	20	0.9 %

**Statistic Platform Lake Constance**

The Statistic Platform Lake Constance is a working group organized by the Economics Commission of the International Lake Constance Conference (IBK). It comprises representatives of statistics offices and other institutions in the Lake Constance region. The Bureau for Statistics of the Canton of St.Gallen is responsible for managing this project. The mission of the Statistic Platform Lake Constance is to provide all interested parties from governments, business and society with statistical figures for the international Lake Constance region (IBK region) on various themes. To this end, it draws primarily on existing data from the various public statistics systems in Germany, Liechtenstein, Austria and Switzerland, aligned across borders as far as possible.

Background information on the figures published in this leaflet as well as more detailed data on the Lake Constance region can be found at [www.statistik-bodensee.org](http://www.statistik-bodensee.org).

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The **International Lake Constance Conference (IBK)** is a joint platform set up by the administrations of the federal states and cantons of Baden-Württemberg, Schaffhausen, Zurich, Thurgau, St. Gallen, Appenzell Ausserrhoden, Appenzell Innerrhoden, The Principality of Liechtenstein, Vorarlberg and Bavaria. The aim of the IBK is to preserve and cultivate the Lake Constance region as an attractive living, natural and cultural environment and to strengthen a sense of regional identity. It is at the centre of a widespread network of regional cross-border alliances in the Lake Constance region. [www.bodenseekonferenz.org](http://www.bodenseekonferenz.org)

**Gross domestic product (GDP) at current market prices (2014)**

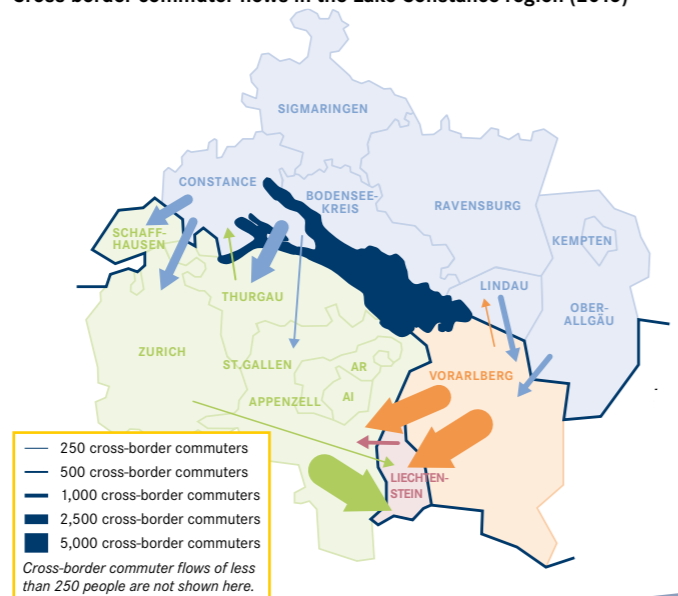
The GDP of the Lake Constance region amounted to 229 billion euros or 278 billion Swiss francs in 2014. It therefore accounts for around 6 % of the total GDP of the four participating nation states and is roughly equivalent to the national GDP of Finland (2014: 205 billion euros).

**GDP (2014)**

	Total Lake Constance region	German territory	Swiss territory	Liechtenstein	Vorarlberg
absolute (billion euros)	229	43	165	5	16
per inhabitant (thousand euros)	58	36	70	135	41

At an exchange rate of 1 = 1.21 CHF (2014). In interpreting the GDP figures, incoming and outgoing commuters should be taken into account (see following illustration). In the case of large numbers of commuters, it is difficult to draw conclusions on the income situation of the respective regional population from the GDP.

**Cross-border commuter flows in the Lake Constance region (2015)**



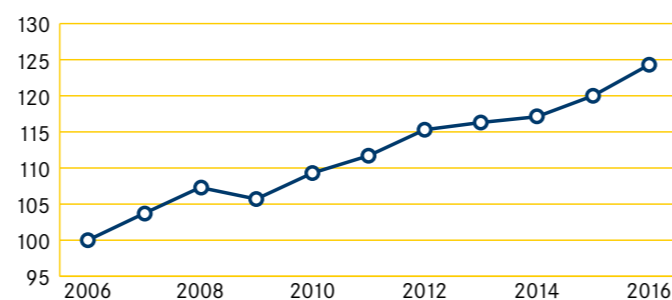
— 250 cross-border commuters  
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— 1,000 cross-border commuters  
— 2,500 cross-border commuters  
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Cross-border commuter flows of less than 250 people are not shown here.

**Overnight stays and average length of stays in the hotel business (hotels with 10 and more beds, 2016)**

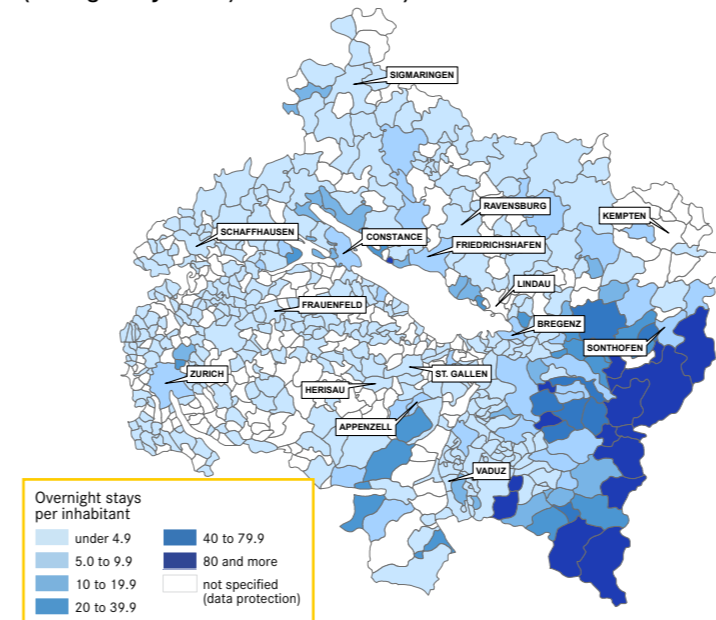
	Overnight stays (thousands)	Average length of stay (days)
German territory	8,170	2.6
Swiss territory	6,745	1.8
Liechtenstein	109	1.8
Vorarlberg	5,233	3.2
<b>Lake Constance region</b>	<b>20,258</b>	<b>2.4</b>

The figures displayed only apply to accommodation in the **hotel segment** (hotels, inns, guesthouses) with at least 10 beds (with the exception of Liechtenstein, which includes very small businesses). Data was not available on overnight stays on camp sites, in youth hostels, recreation and holiday homes, private and commercial holiday apartments and is therefore not included here. According to expert estimations, the overnight stays accounted for here represent approximately 50 % of all overnight stays by tourists in the Lake Constance region. The length of stay refers to the number of nights spent in the same hotel. Groups of customers (e.g. bicycle tourists) who stay in the region for a longer period but frequently change their accommodation are therefore not included in these figures.

**Development of overnight stays in the hotel industry in the Lake Constance region**  
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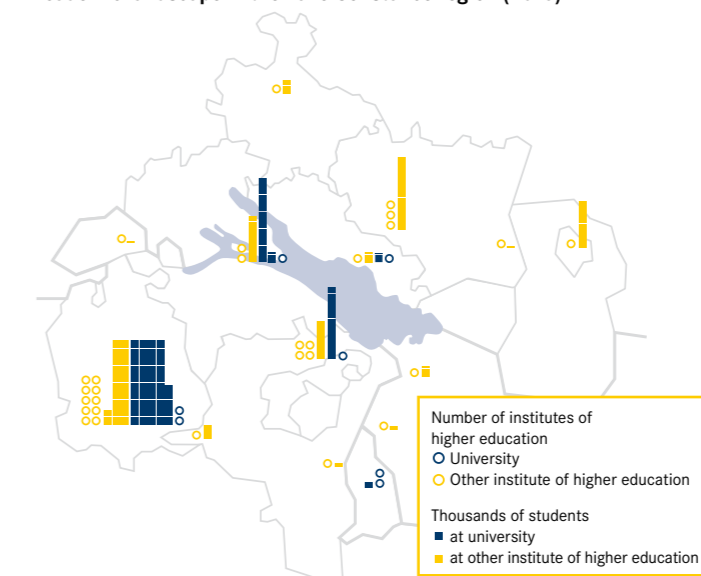
**Concentration of overnight stays in the hotel industry (overnight stays 2015 / inhabitants 2015)**



**Most important countries of origin of hotel guests in the Lake Constance region (2016)**

Rank	Country of origin	Number of overnight stays (thousands)	Share of overall overnight stays
1	Germany	10,474	52 %
2	Switzerland and Liechtenstein	3,838	19 %
3	Austria	971	5 %
4	USA	579	3 %
5	Great Britain	523	3 %

**Academic landscape in the Lake Constance region (2015)**



	Universities	Other institutes of higher education	Total
<b>Institutes</b>	7	28	35
<b>Students</b>	66,667	54,011	120,678
<b>Share of women</b>	45.7 %	48.4 %	46.9 %

■ Internationale Bodensee Hochschule

More than 120,000 students are matriculated at one of 35 institutes of higher education in the Lake Constance region. The International Lake Constance University (IBH) incorporates 31 of these 35 institutes as well as other institutes of higher education in the Lake Constance region, making it the largest network with different kinds of institutes of higher education in Europe. [www.bodenseehochschule.org](http://www.bodenseehochschule.org)



**The International Lake Constance Region in Figures 2017**

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